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1. WE ESTIMATE THAT TRAVEL EXPENDITURES TO BE PAID FROM 20FT400 (191) FUNDS WILL AMOUNT TO $1,150,000 IN CY 1977. THIS ESTIMATE IS BASED ON ACTUAL EMBASSY DISBURSEMENTS FROM JANUARY TO NOVEMBER, 1976, AND ASSUMES THAT THERE WILL BE A RISE IN INTERNATIONAL AIR FARES ON THE ORDER OF 6 TO 8 PERCENT. IT ALSO ASSUMES THAT TRAVEL UNDER THE JOINT SCIENCE PROGRAM WILL ACCELERATE SIGNIFICANTLY IN CY 1977. THE PER DIEM RATE PAID OFFICIAL TRAVELERS WAS RAISED TO 1440 ZLOTYS ON NOVEMBER 21; IF THERE ARE FURTHER INCREASES, ACTUAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FROM 20FT400(191) FUNDS MAY WELL EXCEED OUR ESTIMATE.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE EMBASSY HAD DIFFICULTY IN PERSUADING THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO REPLENISH THE EXHAUSTED TRAVEL ACCOUNT IN BOTH CY 1974 AND 1975. THIS RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL DELAYS IN PROCESSING TRAVEL VOUCHERS AND IN REIMBURSING AIR CARRIERS FOR TRAVEL PERFORMED. WE CONSIDER OUR ESTIMATE TO BE THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING OF CY 1977 TRAVEL.
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